



City of Westminster

Executive Summary and Recommendations

	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	4 October 2017
Subject:	Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Bryanston & Dorset Square, Hyde Park and Lancaster Gate
1. Summary	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £40,000 from the Ward Budget of the above-mentioned wards in order to commission:	
(a) Two Short Lets Planning Enforcement Officers for 6 months	
Recommendation	
That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community approves expenditure of £40,000 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



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Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

Date:

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Classification:

For General Release

Title of Report:

Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Bryanston & Dorset Square, Hyde Park and Lancaster Gate

Report of:

Head of Cabinet Secretariat

Wards involved:

Bryanston & Dorset Square, Hyde Park and Lancaster Gate

Policy context:

Neighbourhoods Programme

Financial summary:

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The proposed expenditure of £10,000 from the Lancaster Gate Ward Budget leaves £48,843.81 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

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1. Background Information

- 1.1 Ward budgets were established under the City Council's Neighbourhood Programme agreed by the Cabinet in November 2007. The extension to the ward budget programme was agreed in March 2016 for continuation until March 2017.
- 1.2 The renewal of the ward budget programme for the years 2014-2018 was agreed in October 2016.
- 1.3 Budget provision of £46,000 for the financial year 2017/18 exists to fund ward based projects.

2. Proposed Projects

- 2.1 £40,000 will fund two Short Term lets enforcement officers for six months from mid-October 2017 to March 2018.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Bryanston and Dorset Square, Hyde Park and Lancaster Gate budget to date total £115,696.01, £75,859.58, and £121,566.14 respectively.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£40,000**.

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4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Section 1 of the Localism Act, aka "the general power of competence" enables authorities "to do anything that individuals generally may do". The proposals within this report are consistent with the Council exercising this power.

5. Outstanding Issues

No outstanding issues

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The proposals have been agreed by all Councillors from all wards involved

6.2 The proposal for Short Lets Planning Enforcement Officers has been drawn up and verified following consultation with the Council's Planning, Legal and Finance Departments.

7. Equalities

7.1 The proposals in this report will support the Council's wider equalities and diversity agenda by focusing on addressing local issues with enhanced local engagement.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact Janis Best on 020 7641 3255, fax 020 7641 3156, email jb@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Leisure

Declaration of Interest

- I have no interest to declare in respect of this report

Signed Date
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Leisure

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest:
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Signed Date
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Leisure

(N.B: If you have an interest you should seek advice as to whether it is appropriate to make a decision in relation to this matter.)

For the reasons set out above, I agree the recommendation(s) in the report entitled **Recommendation(s) for Expenditure from the Bryanston and Dorest Square, Hyde Park and Lancaster Gate Ward Budgets** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Leisure

Date

For Ward Specific Reports Only

In reaching this decision I have given due regard to any representations made by relevant Ward Members.

Signed
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Leisure

Date

If you have any additional comment which you would want actioned in connection with your decision you should discuss this with the report author and then set out your comment below before the report and this pro-forma is returned to the Secretariat for processing.

Additional comment:
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NOTE: If you do not wish to approve the recommendations, or wish to make an alternative decision, it is important that you consult the report author, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Director of Finance and Performance and, if there are staffing implications, the Director of Resources (or their representatives) so that (1) you can be made aware of any further relevant considerations that you should take into account before making the decision and (2) your reasons for the decision can be properly identified and recorded, as required by law.

Note to Cabinet Member: Your decision will now be published and copied to the Members of the relevant Policy & Scrutiny Committee. If the decision falls within the criteria for call-in, it will not be implemented until five working days have elapsed for any call-in request to be received.